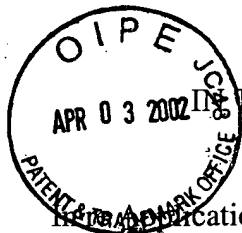


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of:

KAZUHIRO NOGUCHI

Application No.: 10/021,045

Filed: December 19, 2001

For: VIBRATION CORRECTING
DEVICE, LENS BARREL,
AND OPTICAL DEVICE

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: Examiner: Unassigned

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: Group Art Unit: 2877

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/824,021	04/03/2001	2873 (Pending)

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. application is enclosed.

REMARKS

US '028 and JP '277 are discussed on page 1 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

US '675 and JP 6-289465 are discussed on page 2 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

US '827 and JP 10-319465 are discussed on page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

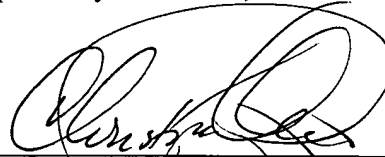
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fitzpatrick", written over a horizontal line.

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